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(Volume 175) #Cards and letters etc

Photo History

Cover Picture

Old family birthday and anniversary cards

Life goes on as normal and I am planning the Arran walk with DP for next week. Lynn and I are going to Enfield to return some wrong-sized underwear and the Park Run is on for Saturday. Kieron and Rosie are staying here overnight on Friday when they return from Istanbul.

The only reason I am detailing all these mundane things is to show what a crazy world we live in.

Huge European, and world-wide devastation due to flooding caused by climate change and yet still deniers hide from accepting reality. Unbelievable. Miami is experiencing the biggest wave surges for over 100 years.

But even more unbelievable is that yesterday there was a further instalment of the Israeli /Gaza situation. Israel carried out a massive bombing in Lebanon.. Many were killed and allegedly many Hezbollah leaders were too.

Many countries have today united saying there must be a 21 day ceasefire.

I am not political and I also am very wary about forming opinions based on reports which are always slanted according to their beliefs. Obviously Israel must be able to live securely and safely in the knowledge that their country will not be bombed from afar or invaded.

Like wise innocent civilians in Gaza and Beirut must have their own security.

Looking on as an ignorant outsider it all seems so obvious.

Iran and other powerful rich countries supply arms and finance to continue this senseless charade whilst sitting back in safety.

The longer the fighting continues, the more entrenched hatred will become. This is so obvious and future generations will have hatred in their very genes. This is so obvious.

Clearing a country of the enemy who are knowingly hiding behind civilians and giving warnings to clear the area. It is so obviously crazy. Does anyone really think that the innocent civilians will run for cover and the Hamas will remain to be annihilated! No they will run hide within the populace, and reform and continue. If areas are 'cleared' they must be patrolled to keep them clear and no country has the manpower or resources to prevent a guerilla war .

Yes, it is easy for me to state the blooming obvious without coming out with a solution.

I do know what is obvious though...War is so deadly for all sides and it now seems to be speedily gathering momentum to include a wider enemy and involving the world. We seem intent on self destruction and realistically negotiation is the only sensible outcome. Both sides will have to make massive concessions and that will not be easy.

Last night I watched a real-life film about the massacre at the festival in Israel and at the local kibbutz. Real film of both the party goers and the Hamas showing the total carnage and the contrast between young peaceful people of all races and backgrounds fleeing from the rave and being massacred. It is a lesson in life. How can any group of people turn against innocent young people. No amount of excuses will convince me. The footage speaks for itself.

And today we hear that in Beirut innocent people are fleeing from a potential world-changing invasion. I am not condoning or blaming anyone. I am trying to show how people are indoctrinated with hate even to the point where any reasoning or common sense does not prevail. How can peace come from this hatred on both sides.

This is not my usual preface but frankly I am constantly reminded that my life goes on in the same way whilst others live in total fear and uncertainty. What a ridiculous world we have made for ourselves.

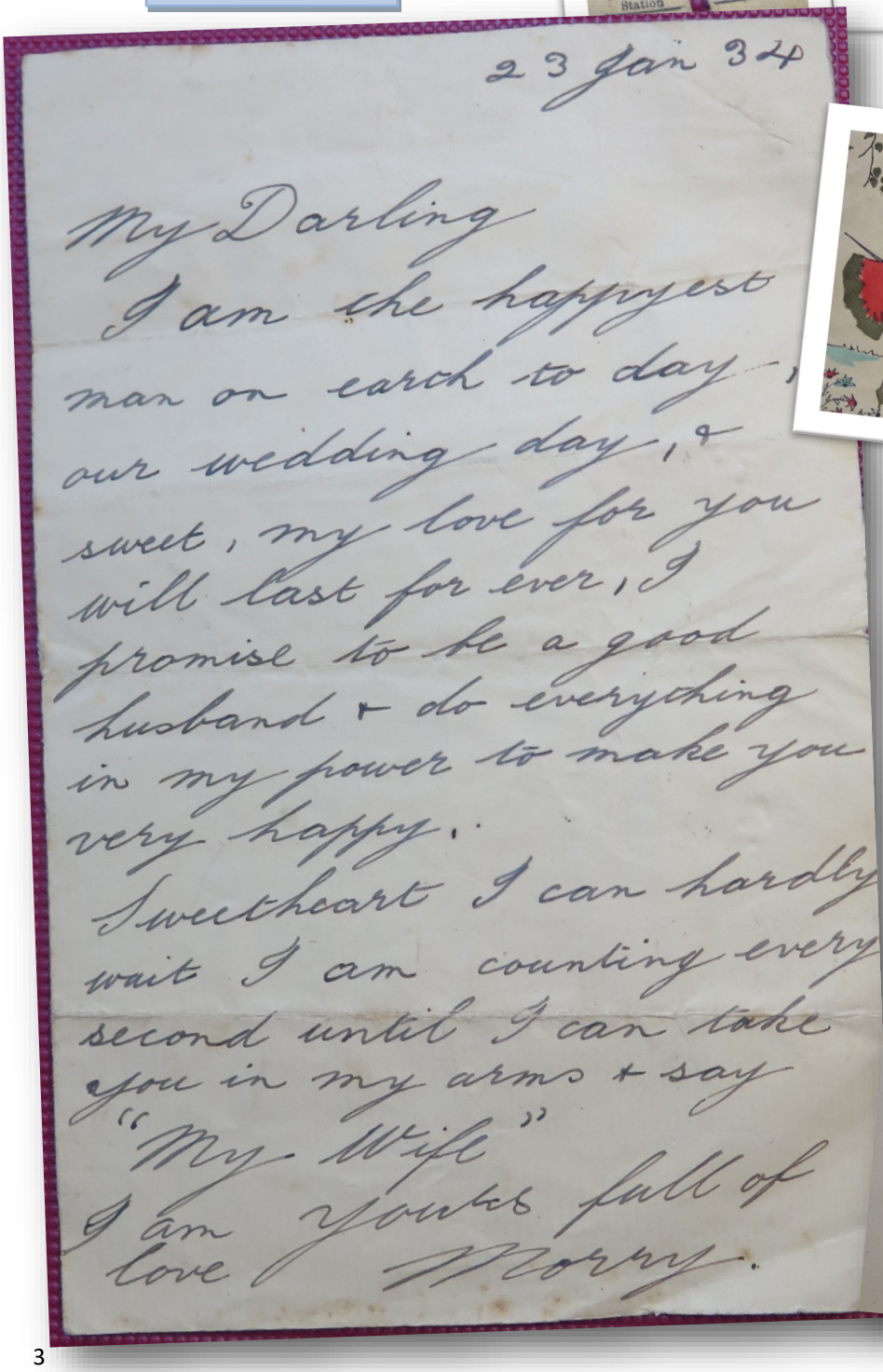
As if to highlight the total contrast I find myself in, I now change topics….

Like many people I find it hard to throw away old cards and sentimental letters from family etc so I am photographing them for this book and in doing so perhaps I can forget this horror even for a short time

A lot of the following card messages are personal and loving and I sincerely hope no one is embarrassed about the contents. Love is a wonderful emotion and hopefully these words will counter some of the negative feelings I expressed in the Preface to this volume

Old 1d bus tickets

Morrie to Lily on their wedding day



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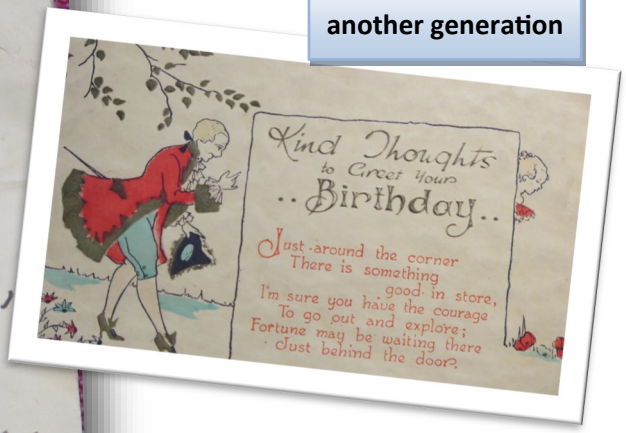
My Darling

I am the happyest man on earth to day, our wedding day, & sweet, my love for you will last for ever, I promise to be a good husband & do everything in my power to make you very happy.

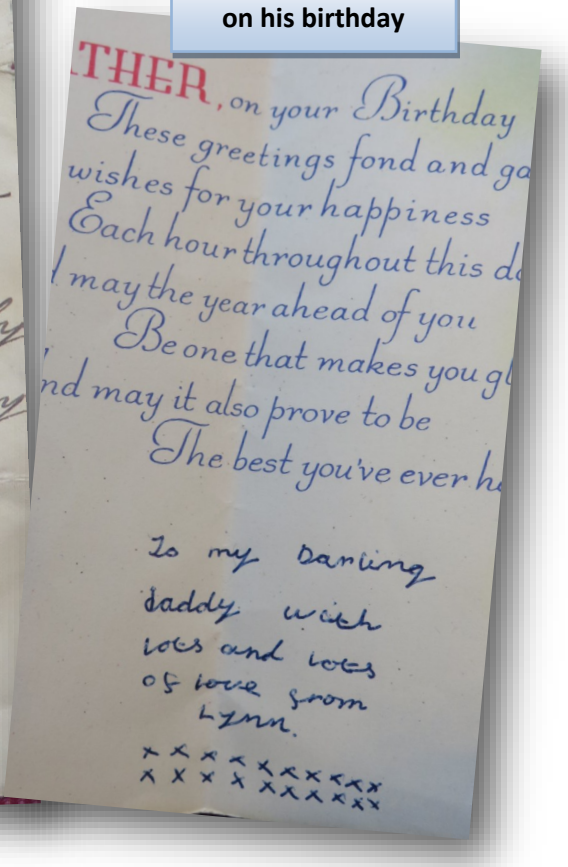
Sweetheart I can hardly wait I am counting every second until I can take you in my arms & say "My Wife"

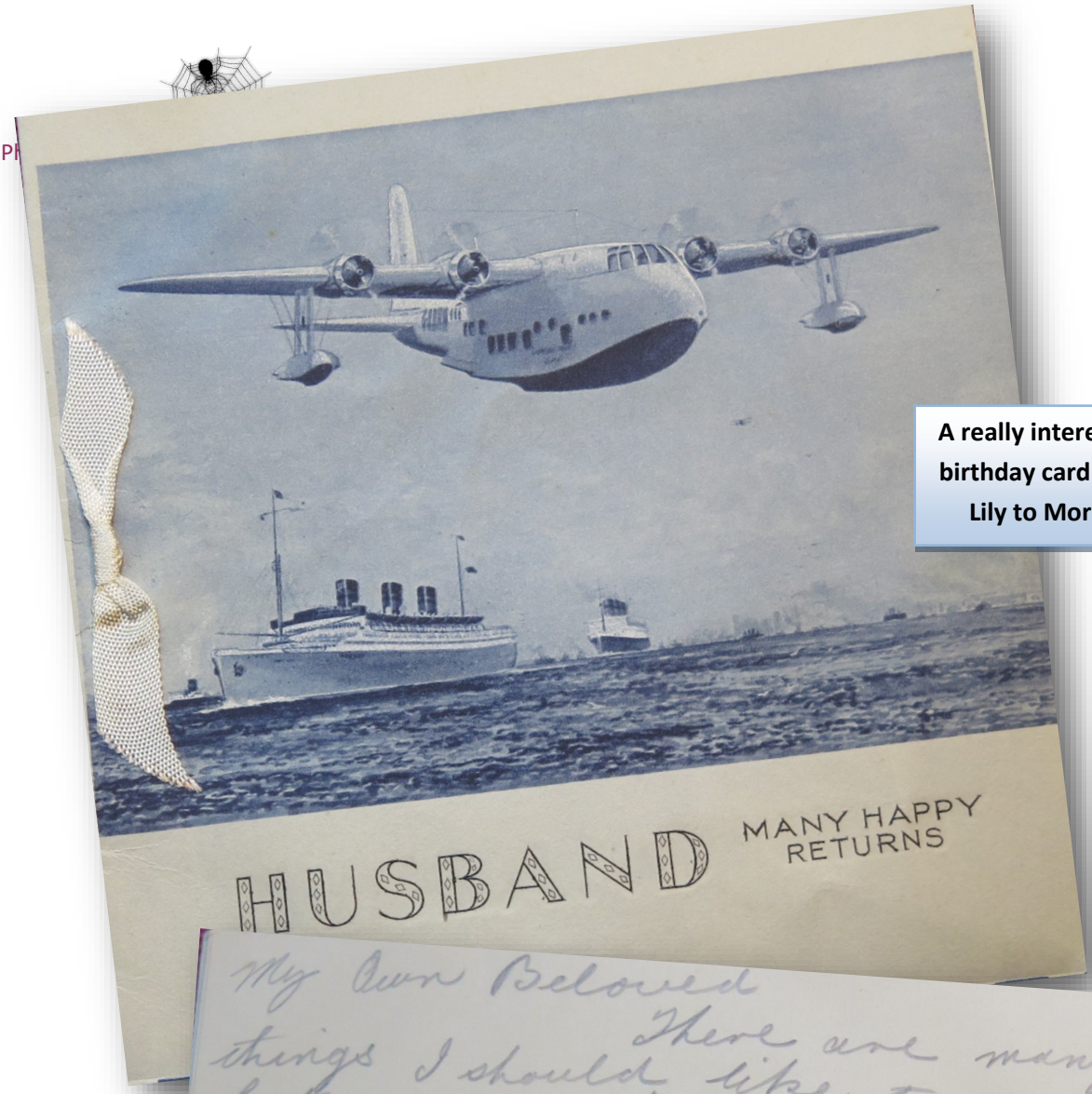
I am Yours full of love Morry.

A card style from another generation


Kind Thoughts to Greet Your Birthday..
Just around the corner
There is something
good in store,
I'm sure you have the courage
To go out and explore;
Fortune may be waiting there
Just behind the door.

From Lynn to Morrie on his birthday





A really interesting birthday card from Lily to Morrie

My Own Beloved

There are many things I should like to say but cannot find fresh words with which to describe anew what you already know so well in your heart.

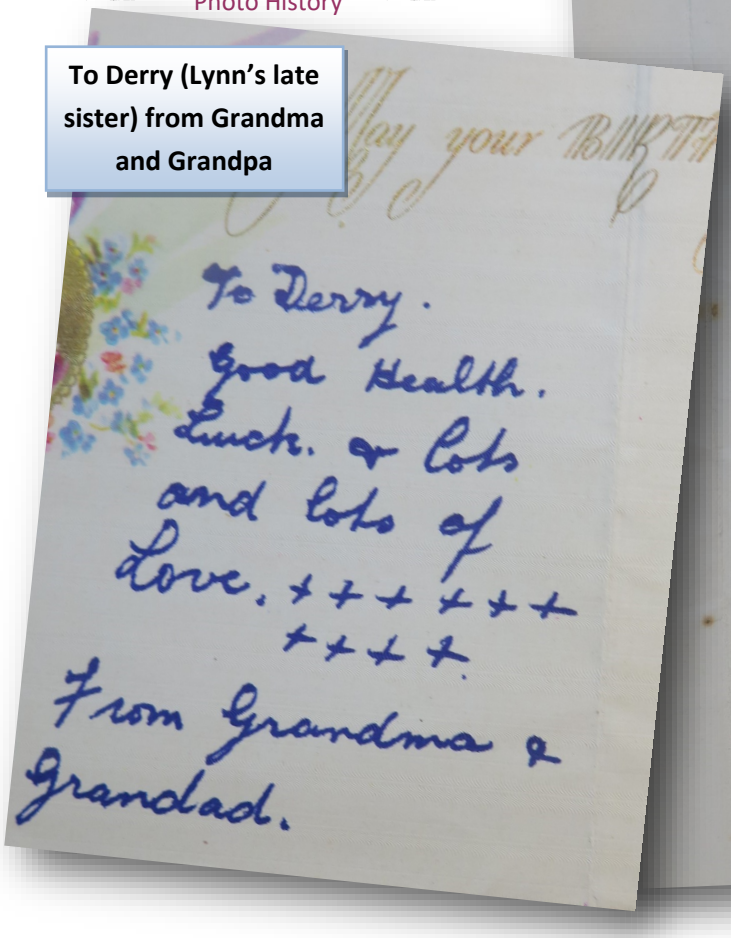
But I do wish you many Happy Returns of the Day & may God bless you with good health & good fortune always, & I do want you to know that I still have the finest husband in the world & the best & dearest sweetheart & I love him very, very dearly & always shall. & I always want to be only

Your very own

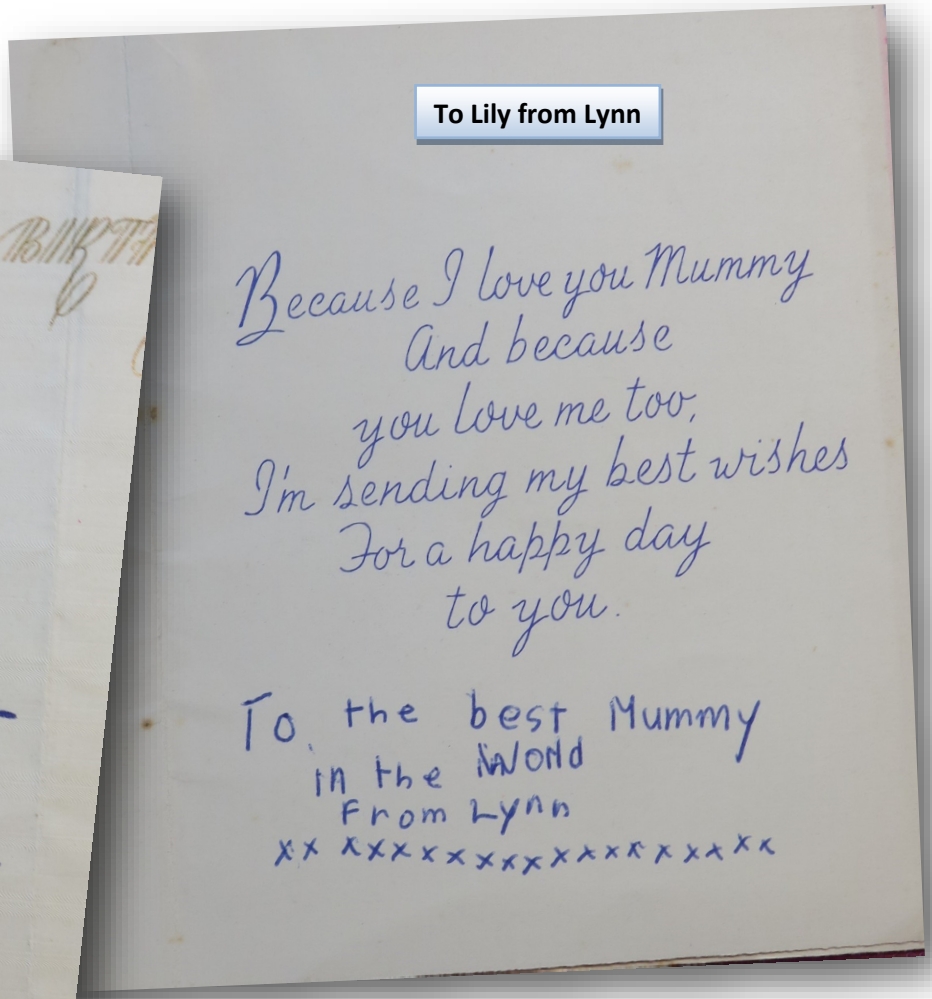
Lily.

From Lily to Mori

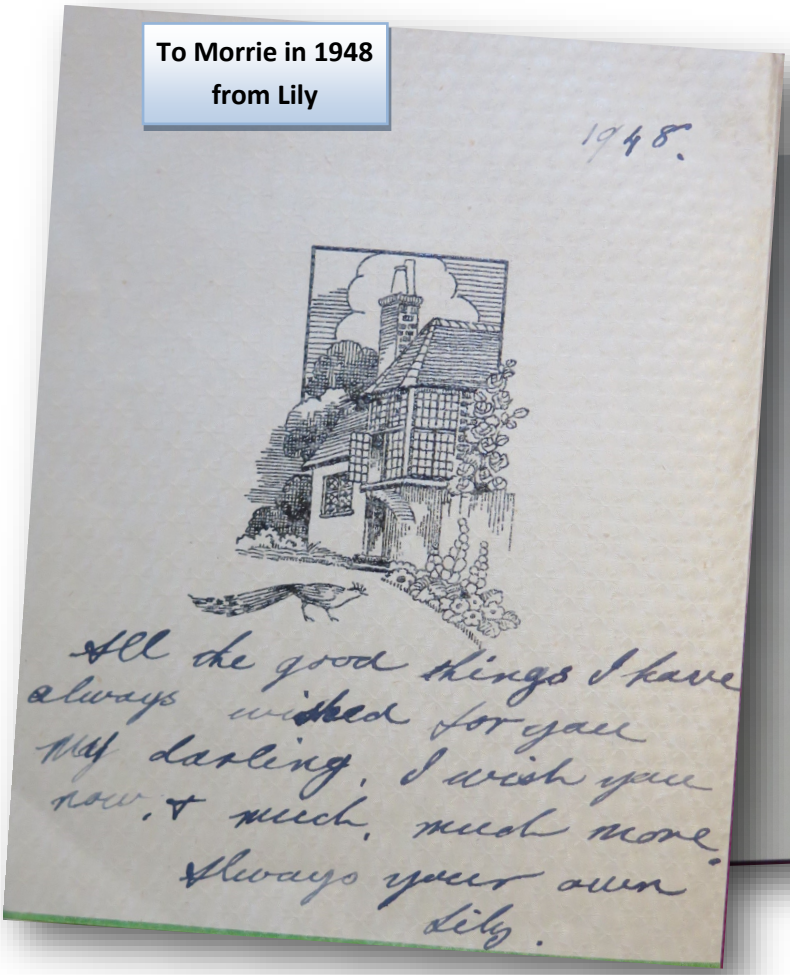
To Derry (Lynn's late sister) from Grandma and Grandpa



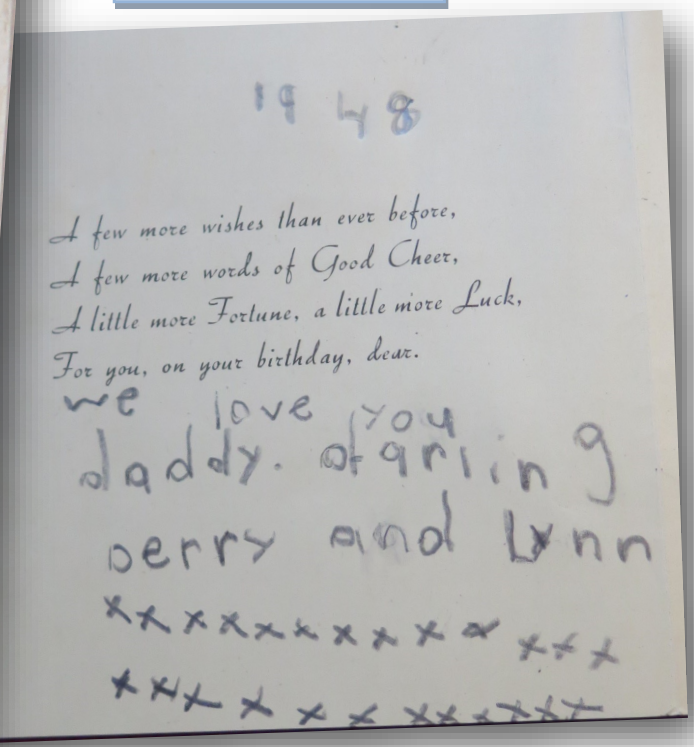
To Lily from Lynn



To Morrie in 1948 from Lily



To Morrie (dad) from Lynn and Derry in 1948


1948
A few more wishes than ever before,
A few more words of Good Cheer,
A little more Fortune, a little more Luck,
For you, on your birthday, dear.
we love you
daddy. darling
Derry and Lynn
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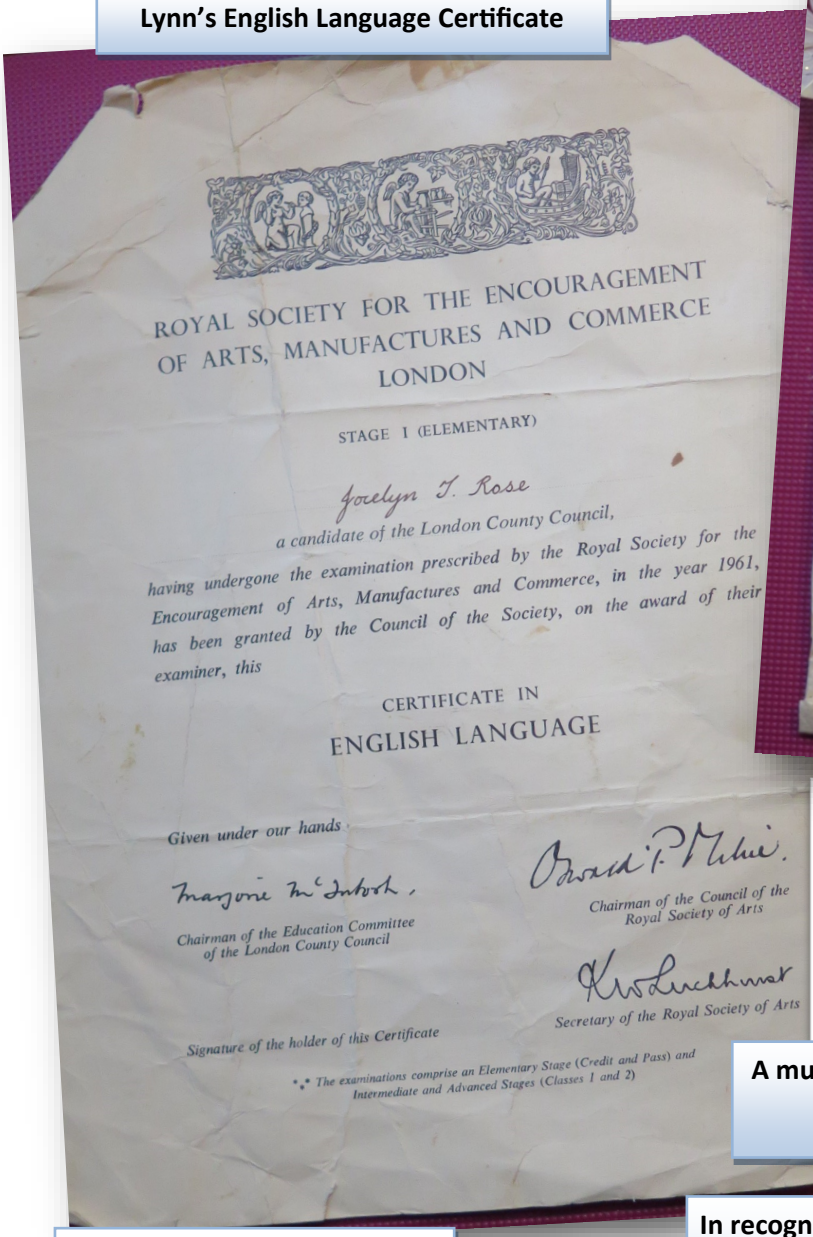
Lynn's English Language Certificate



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LONDON

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Jocelyn I. Rose

a candidate of the London County Council,

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Given under our hands

Marjorie McIntosh,
Chairman of the Education Committee of the London County Council

David P. Milne.
Chairman of the Council of the Royal Society of Arts

K. W. Luckhurst
Secretary of the Royal Society of Arts

Signature of the holder of this Certificate

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A beautiful hand-made card from Tammy to Lynn

A much more modern card....how they have changed

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Press cuttings kept by Mum and Dad from the opening of Ralph & Co, my Deli-Diner in Southgate in December 1993

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TO A VERY SPECIAL LADY

A miserable and really grouchy guy
Went into the kitchen to bake a pie
His sweet young wife with hair of gold
Humours him cos he's very old
She of disposition sweet
Is like a very special treat
But does he really appreciate her
You bet he does – oh dear..yes sir!!

She's sometimes techy but she's super arty
And he does his best with the dinner party
He cooks the salmon with a tasty sauce
Turns beef wellington into another course
His pancakes are filled with delight
Even his rolls are quite alright

So maybe it's love or maybe it's hate
She'll have to make do..and tolerate
That man she's with and been seen to be kissin'
He'd be really good if he learnt to listen

She gets him bus rides..he's not so plucky
So he sticks with her and he knows he's lucky
There's nobody better it's her he does adore
He loves his missus and can ask for no more

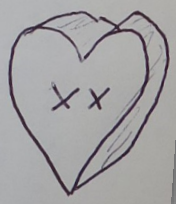
She looks ever better and is gracefully aging
It's the battles with her hubby that she's always waging
That keeps her pretty, feisty and young
And that's the theme of this poem that's never been sung

TO A VERY SPECIAL LADY

He loves his lady and that's the truth
He'll sing from the windows and shout from the roof
He wants her happy and never sad
So enjoy the good and tolerate the bad

Cos on balance he's fun and they laugh a lot
He's often very silly and sometimes a clot
There's better around but I've got a good hunch
He's not too bad..and maybe the best of the bunch

So don't despair, enjoy time together
On those muddy walks in all kinds of weather
Because he loves you so much and I know that's so true
Cos I am that man and I really love you



My two page ode to Lynn on her birthday

It has become a family tradition for me to write an ode (often humorous, or my vain attempt at humour) on special days

A fantastic Christmas ode from Larnie to me

Dear Grandad (or top chef d'relay)

I love you so much, I can't imagine any other grand-children having the same relationship as we do.

You're the memories of holidays past, the smell of fresh bread and french toast and the hugs that could keep me warm and happy for a lifetime!

I know you're always there for me and I hope you know the same applies to you!

Well done for raising such an incredible family in such an incredible way!

Season's Greetings

You make me laugh, smile and eat.... a lot! so...

Merry Christmas,

love larnie xxxxx

Ode to my bird (...but a happy one)

Early in the morning with sleep still in my eye
I seek some novel rhymes...yes I really try
Tis pretty difficult in my state vegetative
To be both funny and yet a little creative
But I'm an early person as everyone does know
And that's when I create and my ideas seem to flow
So the thoughts I have is what I definitely need to say
Of how much I adore you and really need to convey
My wife, my bird, my soul-mate my friend
The selector of clothes on which my very appearance does depend.
The lover of Judge Judy with all those really weird folk
Who owe one another money and attack and try to choke
In small Asian shops I'm often seen when foraging
To find those colourful sweets she loves of Indian origin
We walk a lot and laugh a lot never noticing the weather
And it's sad but true we're our best mates and always are together
With trips and journeys and going round to friends.
It's now a great time for us & we hope it never ends
So now my darling , surely now you know why I got up so early
To compose this poem was my intent..and please don't call me Shirley

ALL my love

Your bloke

I had to write this before I burst
An ode to you on our 51st..
Every day is great with a wife like you
It sounds so corny but it's very true
51 years seems a lifetime together
But with storms and sun it changes like the weather
And in this poem in the form of a letter
I just must shout that it gets better and better
And being with you is a song that I sing
Because there is no better thing
And if this rhyme is trite and corny but true
I just want to shout that I TOTALLY LOVE YOU

Two odes from me to my lovely Lynn

Ode to my own special Lynn

July 26 2017

My Lynny is the very best

Totally better than the rest

She's always there when things get tough

And as if that is not quite enough

She's up with the lark when I go swimming

Can't say that about any other women.

She looks a treat when we go out

Look don't touch I want to shout.

But seriously though

With words I wrestle

I just want to say you're very special

And after 53 years its a reasonable time

To thank you darling for being mine

I love you totally and more now than ever

And hope we're smiling and always together

Both here and away with our great rapport

In the UK or on foreign shore.

With these words of truth and never lies

It feels my darling that I've won first prize

Whether looking for goldfish hidden under rocks

Or making sure I've got matching socks

You're one in a million..

Your totally great

Even though you forgot the date

I love you to the end of the world...thanks for being YOU xxxxx

xx Mick xx

My wedding anniversary ode to Lynn with a 'nudge' because she never remembers the date

From Salem Museum in 1999

Witch History Museum

197-201 Essex Street

Salem MA

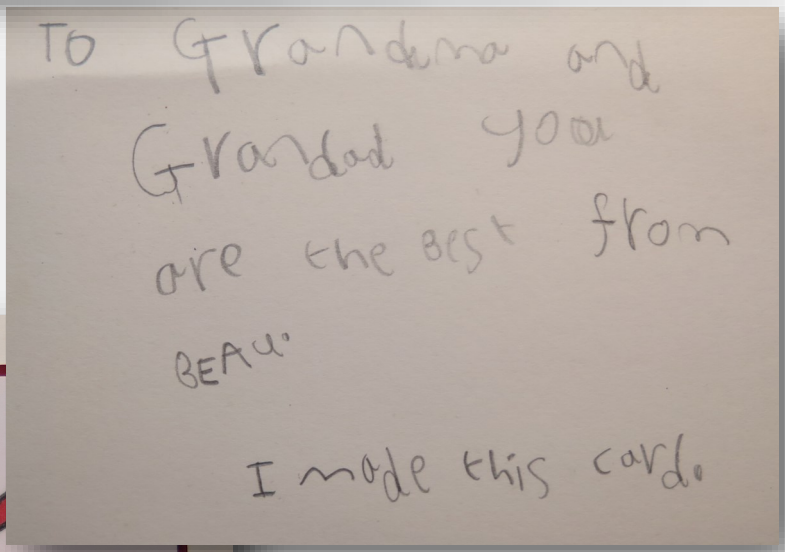
Be it hereby declared that Jocelyn Klee (nee Rose) has been accused of witchcraft and is hereby summoned to appear at Salem's Witch Dungeon for questioning subsequent to trial. This 21st day of October, 1999.

J. Malicious

(Witness)

Judge John Hathorne

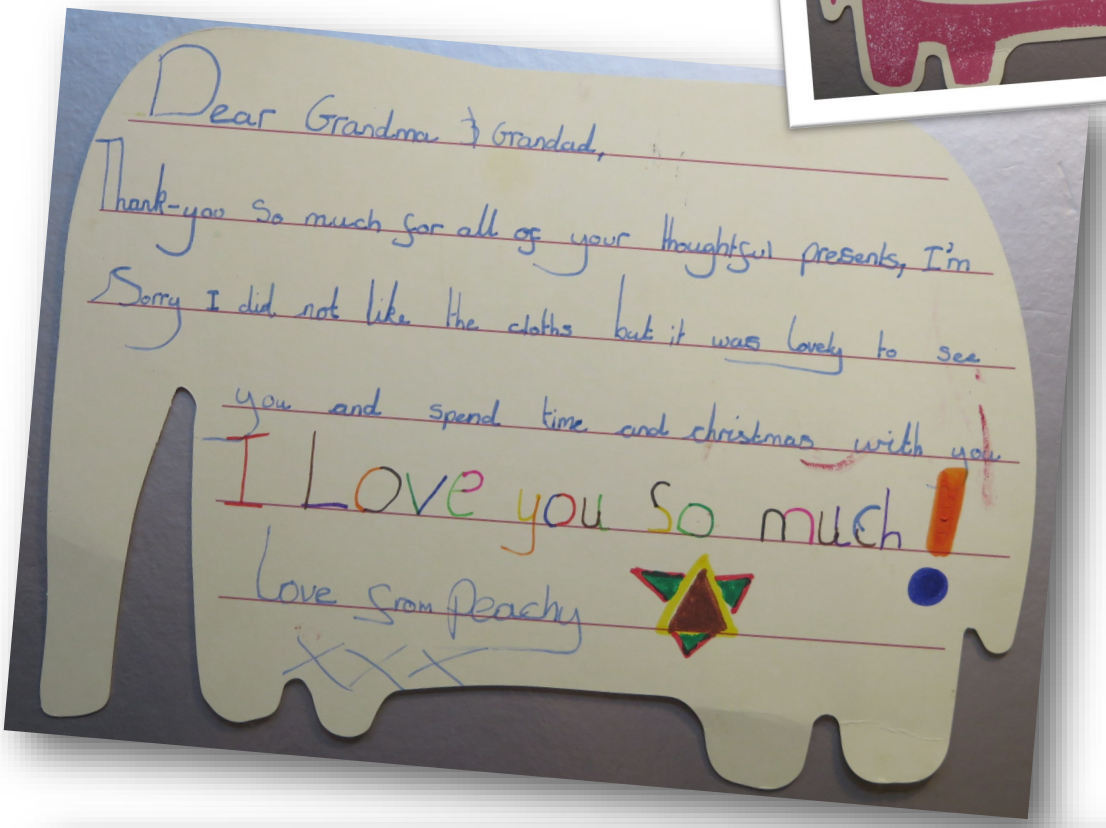
Beau's birthday card to Lynn



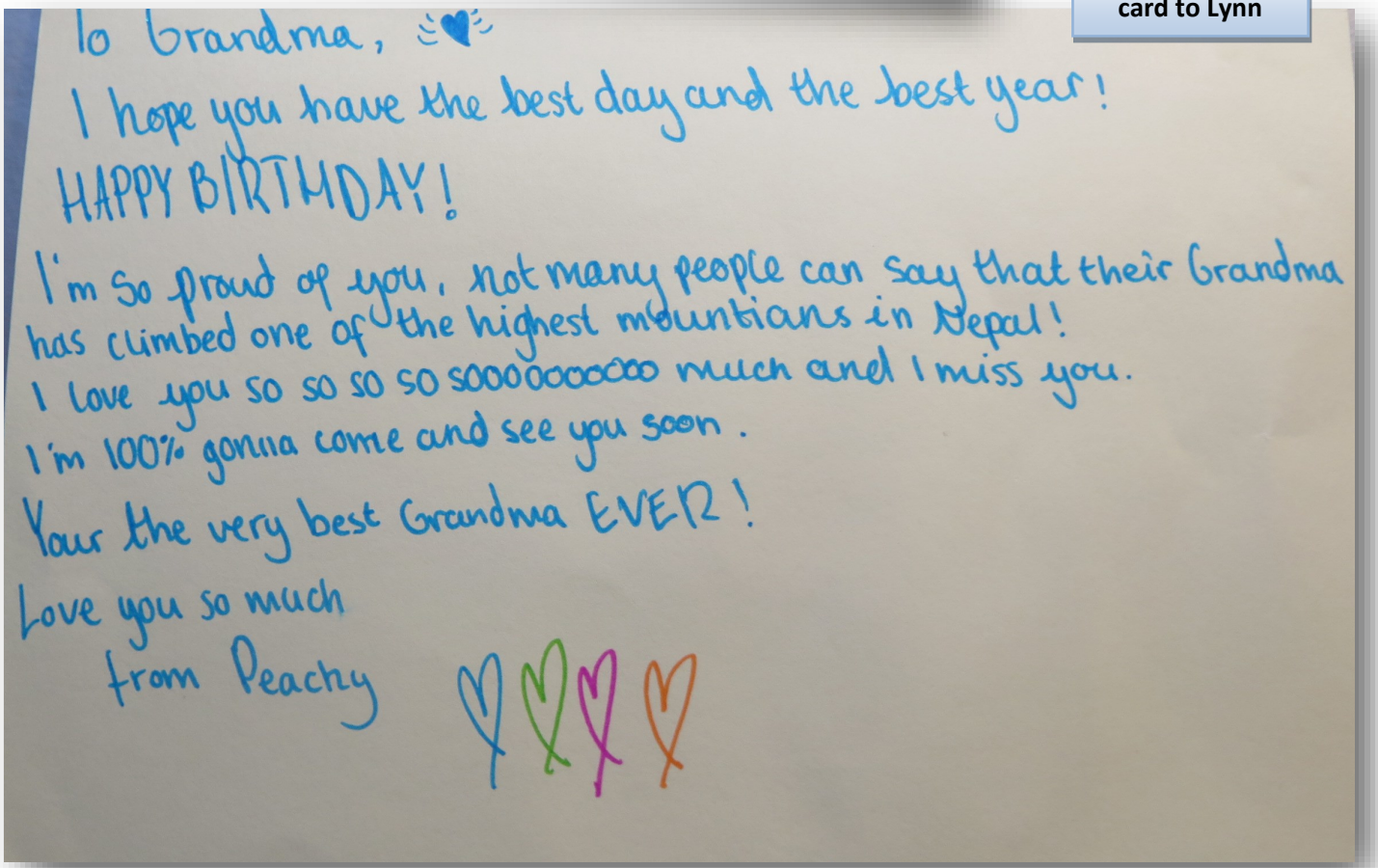
To Grandma and Grandad you are the best from BEAU

I made this card.

Thank you card from Peachy


Dear Grandma & Grandad,
Thank-you so much for all of your thoughtful presents, I'm
Sorry I did not like the cloths but it was lovely to see
you and spend time and christmas with you.
I Love you so much!
Love from Peachy
XXX

Peachy's birthday card to Lynn


To Grandma,
I hope you have the best day and the best year!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
I'm so proud of you, not many people can say that their Grandma has climbed one of the highest mountians in Nepal!
I love you so so so soooooooooo much and I miss you.
I'm 100% gonna come and see you soon.
Your the very best Grandma EVER!
Love you so much
from Peachy

Dear Mummy and Daddy

Just a short note to say hello, and that I love you very much. It is now half past three, and there is not enough time to begin anything new in my computer lesson, hence the letter,

I hope you are both okay,

miss ya loads

Note from Tammy to Lynn

love n stuff

Tiny Tam (S.C.I.W.B. S.G. B) Small cleavage in Wonderbra society of Great Britain

From Tammy & Larnie in July 2003

- July 03 -

To Mummy & Daddy

Just a little note to say a huge thank you for being such supportive parents and such incredible grandparents, for constantly going the extra extra mile for Ilana and I.

I never really seem to appreciate it at the time.

Thankyou for putting up with me (and all my stuff) - all the time)

Sorry for being under your feet -

I love you both so much.

Have a wonderful day

I am so glad you are like you are -

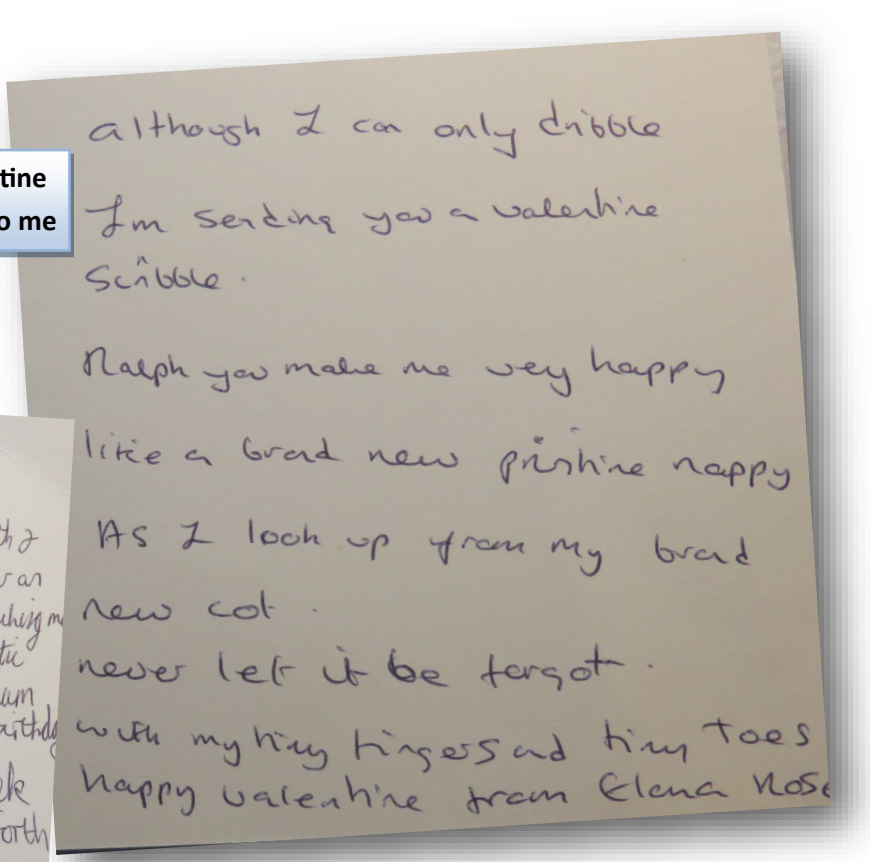
Ilana really does have the most amazing family.

lots of love

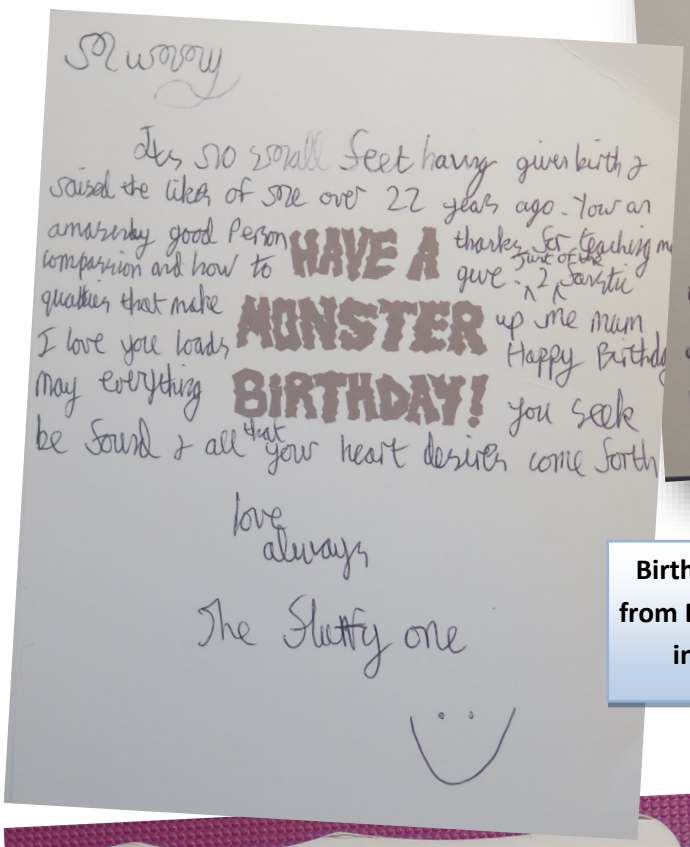
me

XXX

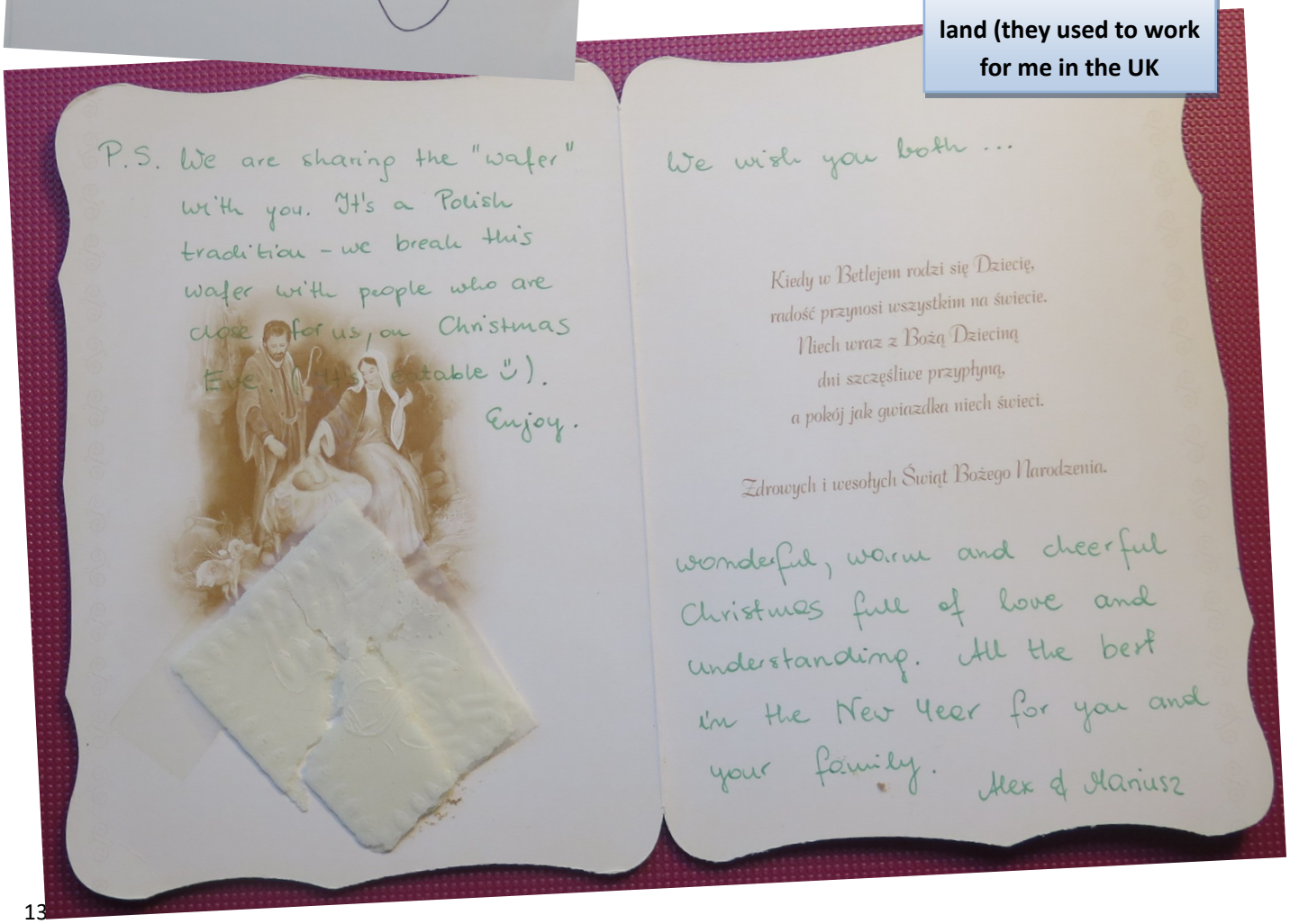
Secret Valentine from Larnie to me

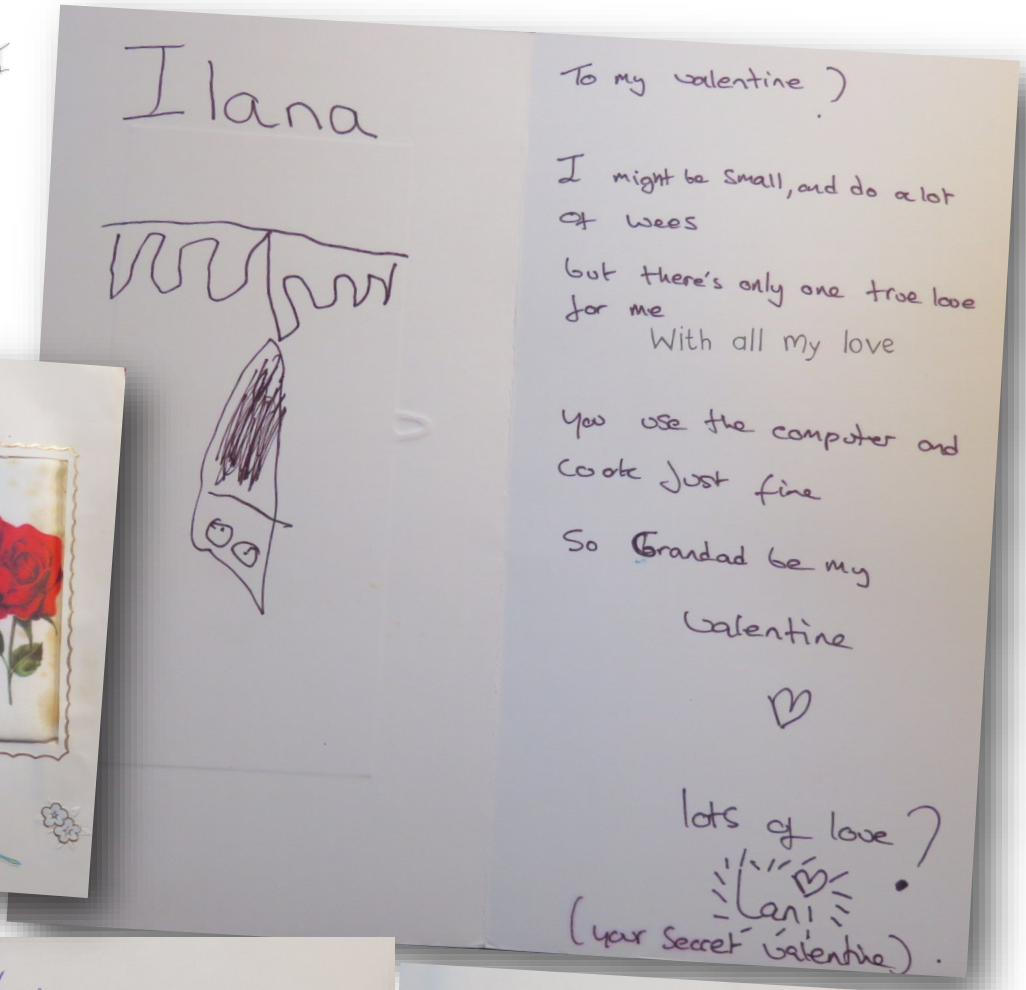

although I can only dribble
I'm sending you a valentine
scribble.
Ralph you make me very happy
like a brand new pristine nappy
As I look up from my brand
new cot
never let it be forgot.
with my tiny fingers and tiny toes
happy valentine from Elena Rose

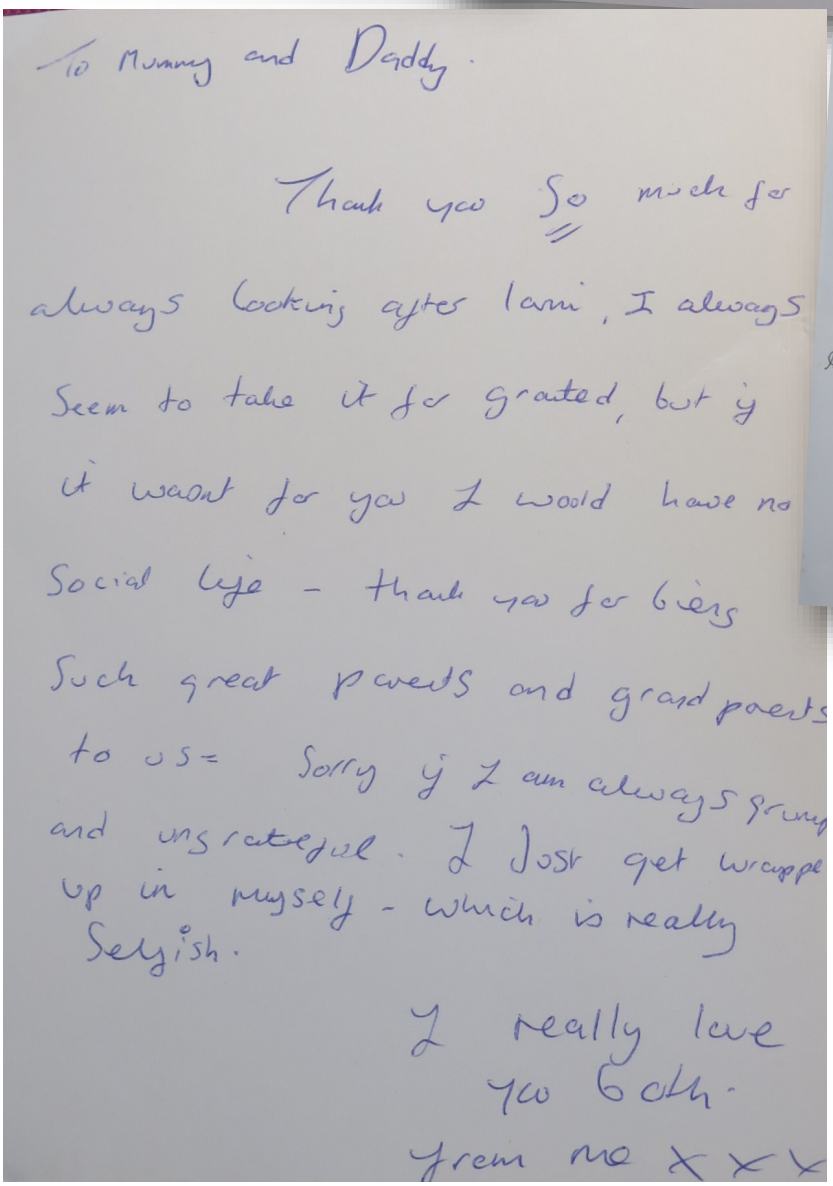
Birthday card from DP to Lynn in 1991



Christmas greeting from Alex and Mariusz in Poland (they used to work for me in the UK


P.S. We are sharing the "wafer"
with you. It's a Polish
tradition - we break this
wafer with people who are
close for us, on Christmas
Eve (
table ☺).
Enjoy.
We wish you both ...
Kiedy w Betlejem rodzi się Dziecię,
radość przynosi wszystkim na świecie.
Niech wraz z Bożą Dzieciną
dni szczęśliwe przypłyną,
a pokój jak gwiazdka niech świeci.
Zdrowych i wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia.
wonderful, warm and cheerful
Christmas full of love and
understanding. All the best
in the New Year for you and
your family.
Alex & Mariusz

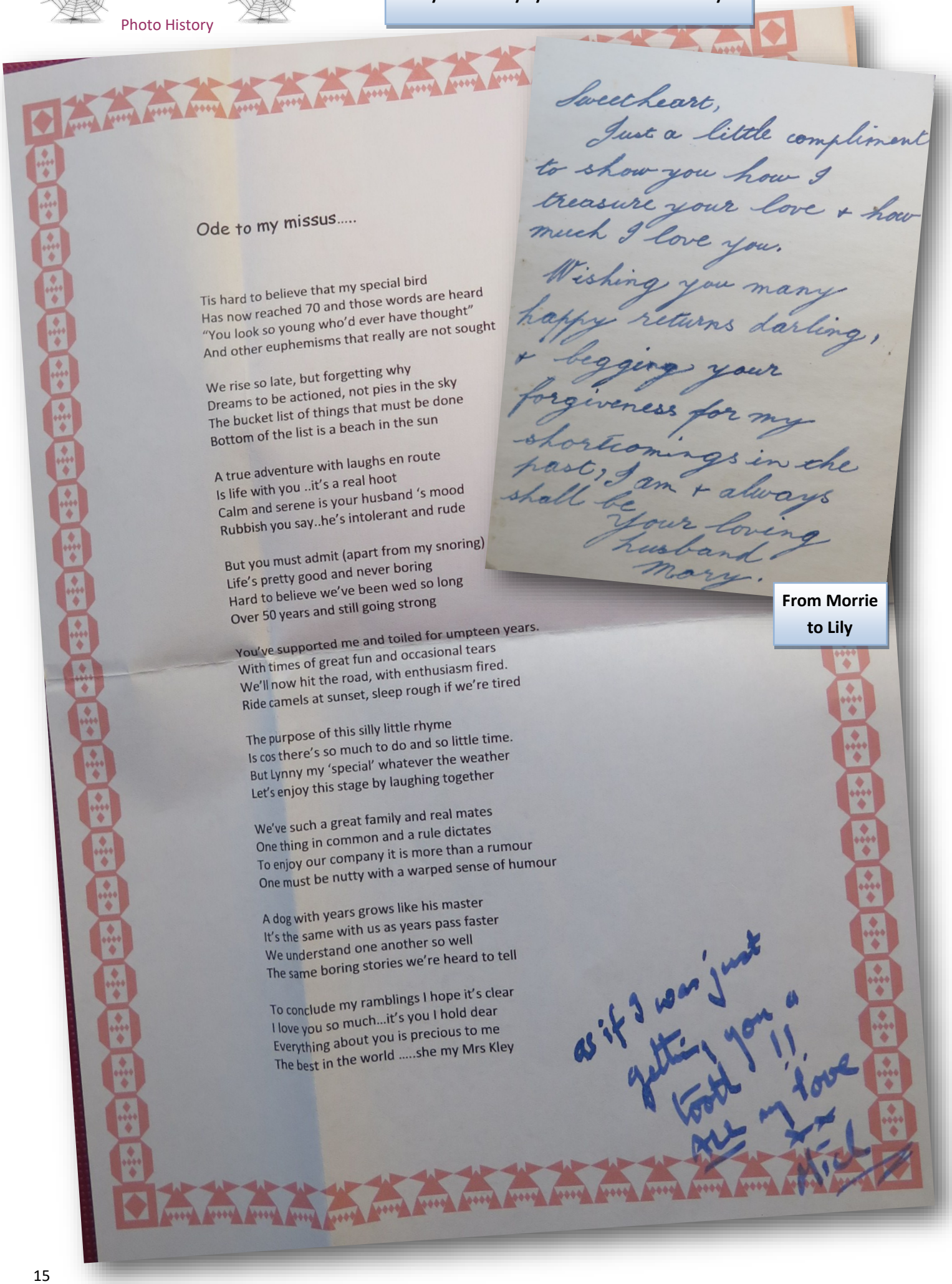

Ilana
To my valentine)
I might be small, and do a lot of wees
but there's only one true love for me
With all my love
you use the computer and cook just fine
So Grandad be my valentine
lots of love
Ilana
(your Secret valentine).


To Mummy and Daddy.
Thank you So much for always looking after Ilana, I always seem to take it for granted, but if it wasnt for you I would have no Social Life - thank you for being Such great parents and grandparents to us= Sorry if I am always grumpy and ungrateful. I Just get wrapped up in myself - which is really Selfish.
I really love you both.
from me xxx

My darling Wife its wonderful
To know that I possess
The tender sweetness of your love
To bring me happiness;
And dearest, with my love for you,
So constant, true and strong,
I'll strive to bring you blessings
Every day my whole life long.
With all my love
Your Maury
x xx x x xxxxx

Lovely traditional 'padded floral' birthday card from Morrie to Lily

My Ode to my Lynn on her 70th birthday



Ode to my missus.....

Tis hard to believe that my special bird
Has now reached 70 and those words are heard
"You look so young who'd ever have thought"
And other euphemisms that really are not sought

We rise so late, but forgetting why
Dreams to be actioned, not pies in the sky
The bucket list of things that must be done
Bottom of the list is a beach in the sun

A true adventure with laughs en route
Is life with you ..it's a real hoot
Calm and serene is your husband 's mood
Rubbish you say..he's intolerant and rude

But you must admit (apart from my snoring)
Life's pretty good and never boring
Hard to believe we've been wed so long
Over 50 years and still going strong

You've supported me and toiled for umpteen years.
With times of great fun and occasional tears
We'll now hit the road, with enthusiasm fired.
Ride camels at sunset, sleep rough if we're tired

The purpose of this silly little rhyme
Is cos there's so much to do and so little time.
But Lynny my 'special' whatever the weather
Let's enjoy this stage by laughing together

We've such a great family and real mates
One thing in common and a rule dictates
To enjoy our company it is more than a rumour
One must be nutty with a warped sense of humour

A dog with years grows like his master
It's the same with us as years pass faster
We understand one another so well
The same boring stories we're heard to tell

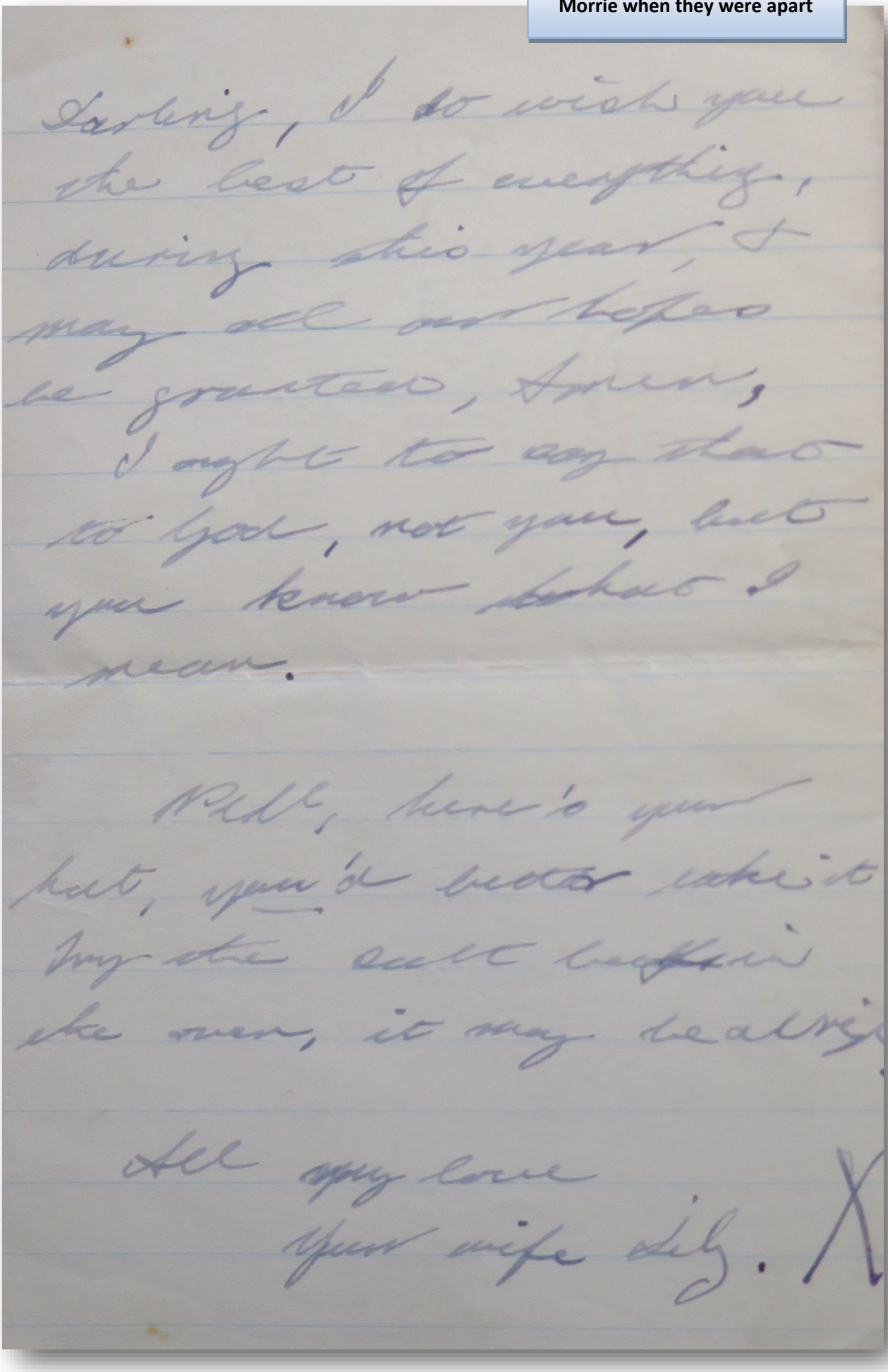
To conclude my ramblings I hope it's clear
I love you so much...it's you I hold dear
Everything about you is precious to me
The best in the world .....she my Mrs Kley

Sweetheart,
Just a little compliment to show you how I treasure your love + how much I love you.
Wishing you many happy returns darling, + begging your forgiveness for my shortcomings in the past, I am + always shall be
Your loving husband
Morry.

From Morrie to Lily

as if I was just getting to know you !!!
All my love
Xxx
Nick

A heartwarming letter from Lily to Morrie when they were apart



Darling, I do wish you the best of everything, during this year, & may all our hopes be granted, Amen,

I ought to say that to God, not you, but you know what I mean.

Well, here's your hat, you'd better take it for the next time, it may be all right.

All my love

Your wife Lily. X

Delightful card from Tammy to Lynn

To my Special Mummy.

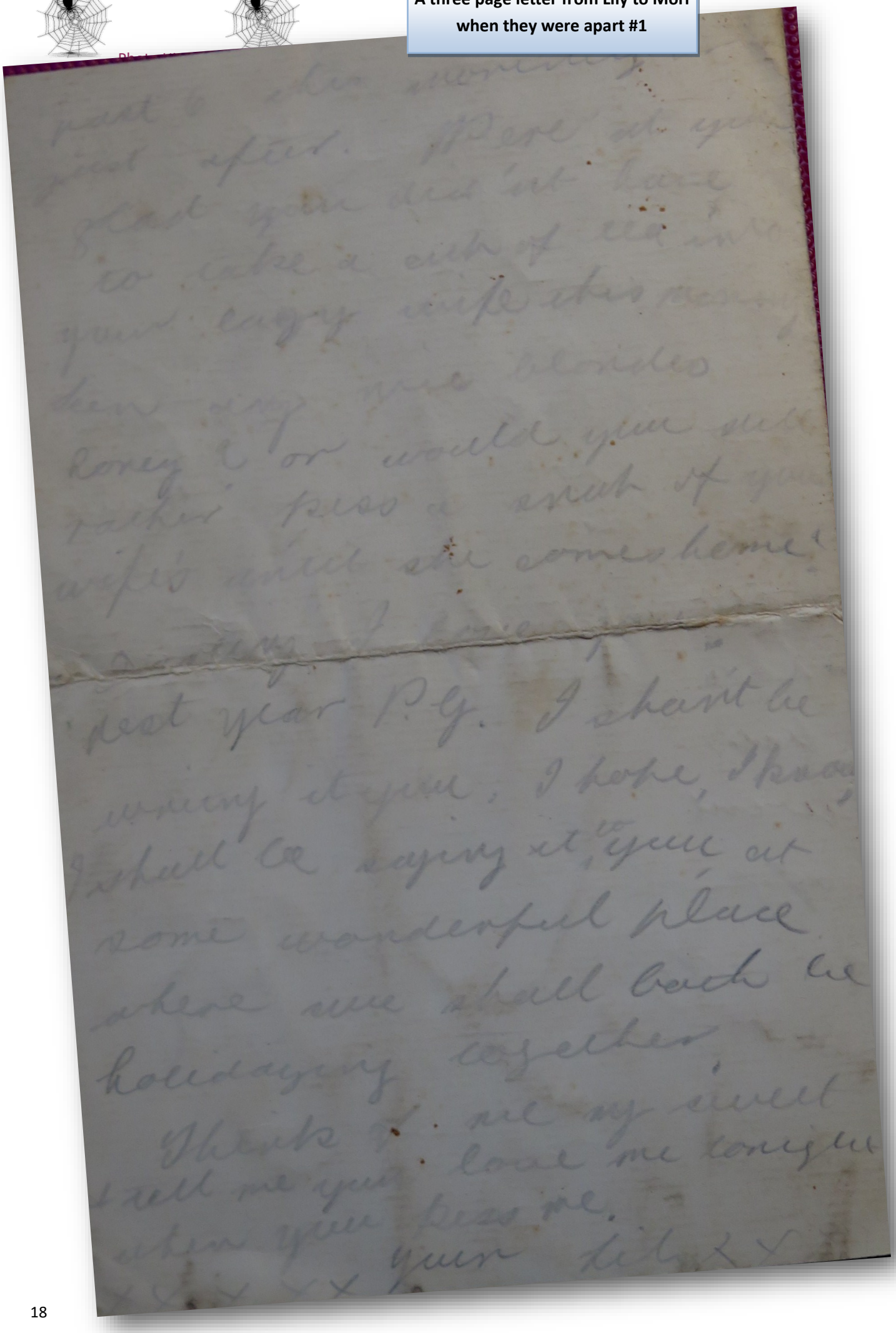
This is just a little note to tell you how much I love you and to say an all encompasing thank you for all the many many things you do to help me be it financial, counseling etc. You always do so much and I know it may not seem like it but I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. —

I know that I may not be the sort of daughter you hoped for with my many shortcomings etc (too numerous to mention) but I'm really proud that You are my mommy.

Thanx again from me XXX

Tammy's birthday card to Lynn

A three page letter from Lily to Mori when they were apart #1



A three page letter from Lily to Mori when they were apart #2

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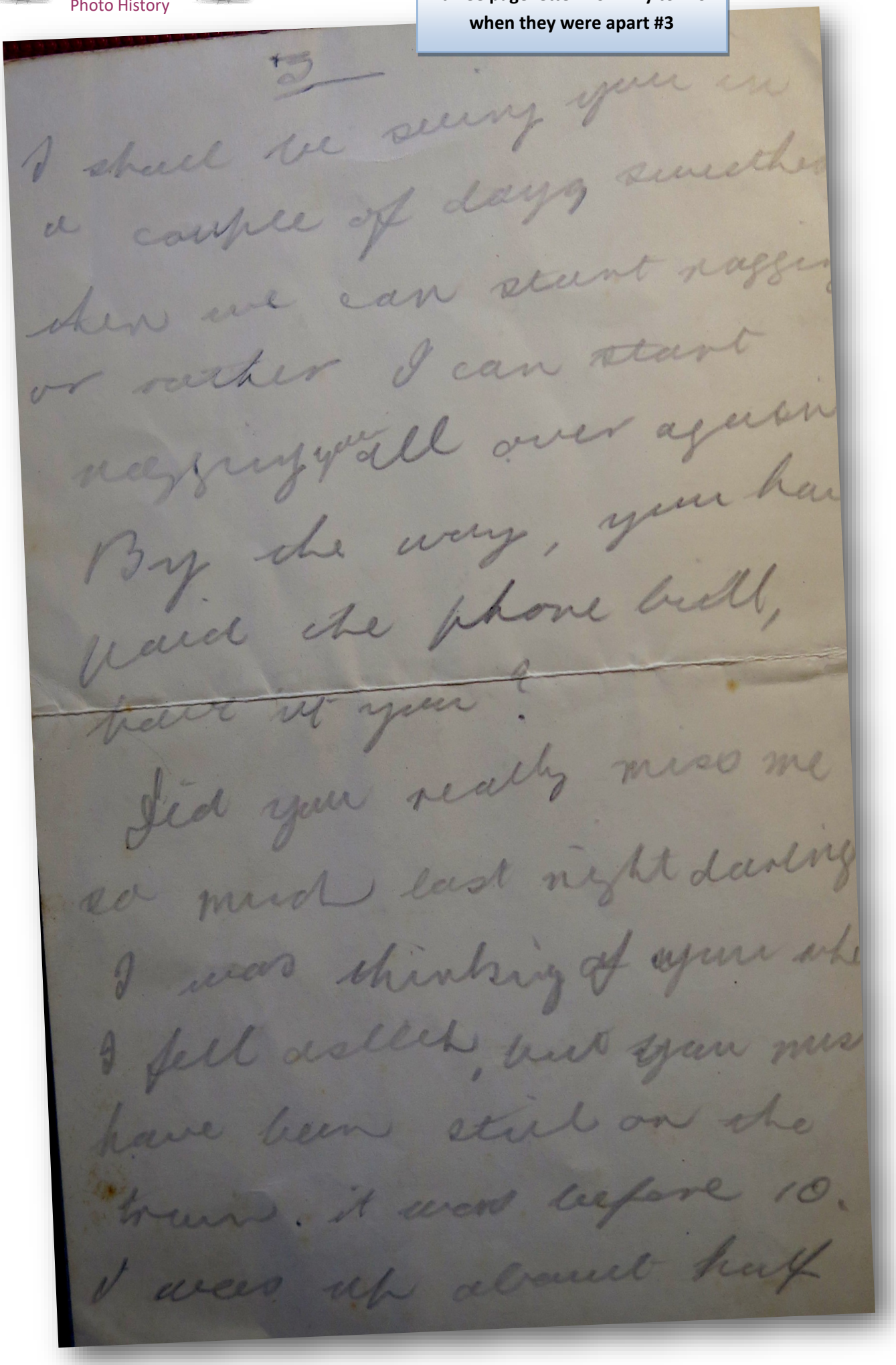
[illegible] darling!
every now & then.
We had a very nice
morning, it was very
sunny; this afternoon
was not so nice. Now
we have just had a
nice tea here & Eric
has taken Michael for
his ride - I did'nt
want to go. — can't
afford it! He is
really no nuisance
at all.

A three page letter from Lily to Mori when they were apart #3



I shall be seeing you in
a couple of days anyhow
then we can start nagging
or rather I can start
nagging you all over again
By the way, you have
paid the phone bill,
haven't you?

Did you really miss me
so much last night darling
I was thinking of you whe
I fell asleep, but you must
have been still on the
train. it was before 10.
I was up about half

Birthday card from Larnie to Grandima (Lynn)

a little bit of lovely...
Dear Grandma A.K.A Grandima
Happy birthday
May all your dreams come true
and you get cool presents love you lots
with jelly tots,
I hope you have a great birthday and
your... GREAT and funny and your
my #1 fan!
I ♡ U Grandma
xo from Ilona xo
...especially for you!
that's true
Happy Birthday
Says it all!
your the best!

Odefrom me to Lynn

The love's still there
And it really sizzles
For my dolly wife
Who still gets whistles !!

Her doors are opened
And not only by doormen
"And why not?"
To quote Mr Norman.
Cos she's got looks, style & poise
And on the phone
They all know her voice

I've got such sore knees
Sored with wear
From giving thanks
For her in prayer
And when we're out
I see them stare
"Look at that doll
With the git with no hair"

Our kids are free spirits
Not followers of trends
A wonderful duo
Of real friends

As you say to me
We've had lows and highs
And I've had my share
Of moans and sighs

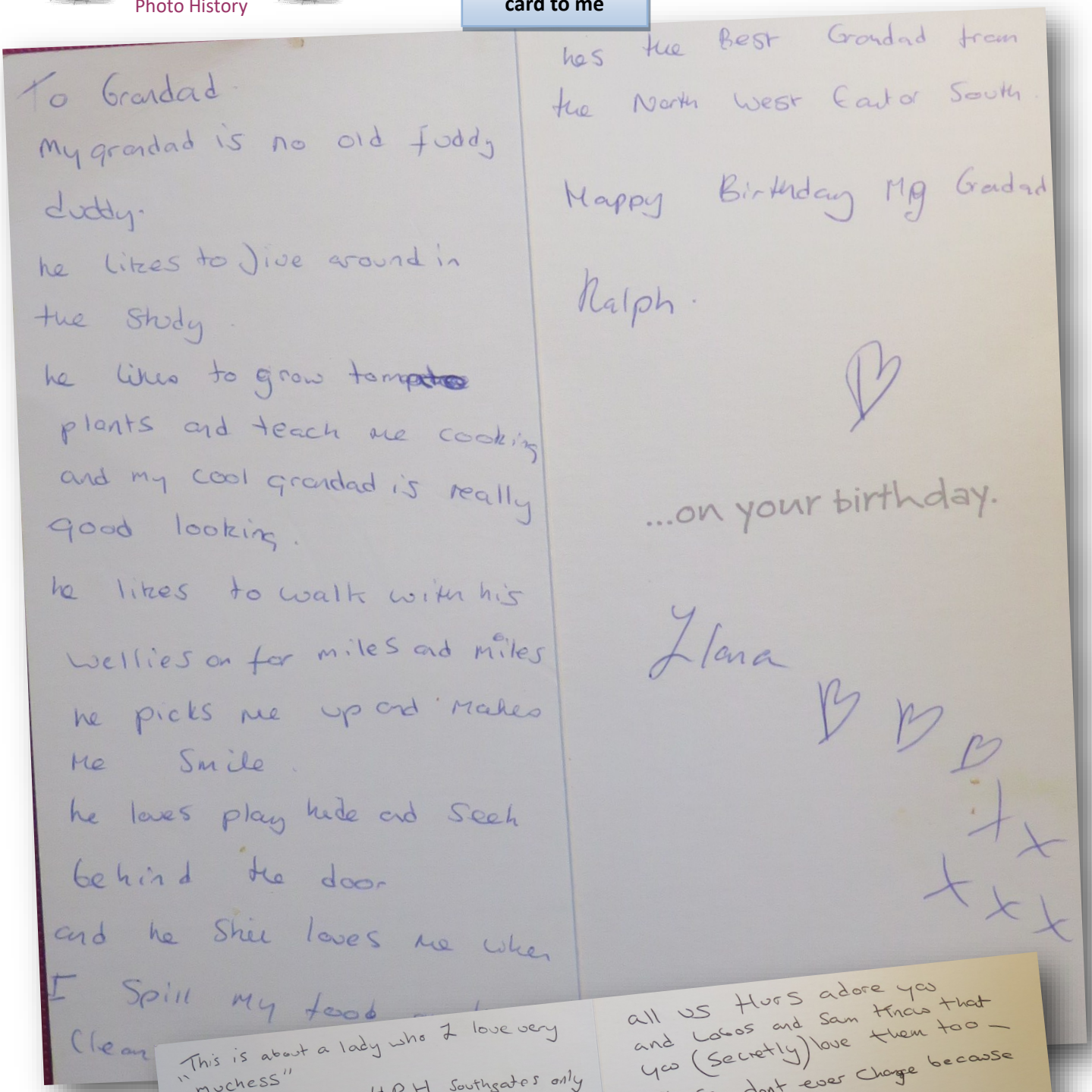
...or act it!

But when crunch-time comes
You are always there
To help and encourage
And problems share
And I feel from now
Our lives will alter
As inspiration comes
From an unexpected quarter

So enjoy today
You look so nifty
No one would believe
You'll soon be 50!

All + I mean all
love xxx Mick.

Larnie's birthday card to me



To Grandad

My grandad is no old fuddy duddy.

he likes to jive around in the study.

he likes to grow ~~tomatoes~~ plants and teach me cooking and my cool grandad is really good looking.

he likes to walk with his wellies on for miles and miles

he picks me up and makes me smile.

he loves play hide and seek behind the door

and he still loves me when I spill my food

has the Best Grandad from the North West East or South.

Happy Birthday Mg Grandad

Ralph.

...on your birthday.

Ylana

B B

:) x

x x x

"This is about a lady who I love very much"

The one and only HRH Southgate's only Duchess

even though her view point she feels is interfearing

I may not always take on board, but dont ever wat to Stop hearing

the worlds best Grandma adored by grandkids near and far.

imparting wisdom and kindness you always raise the bar.

teaching tying Shoe ~~Lace~~ laces and a Shitta Chocolate mousse.

and Social ettiquite for ~~Hangsters~~ Should they be on the loose.

all us Hurs adore you and Lukas and Sam thou that you (Secretly) love them too — Please dont ever Change because your totally unique

With lots of love on your birthday

Oh and could you have lani cos were away for about four weeeks!! (only kidding)

you are the best ever

XXX

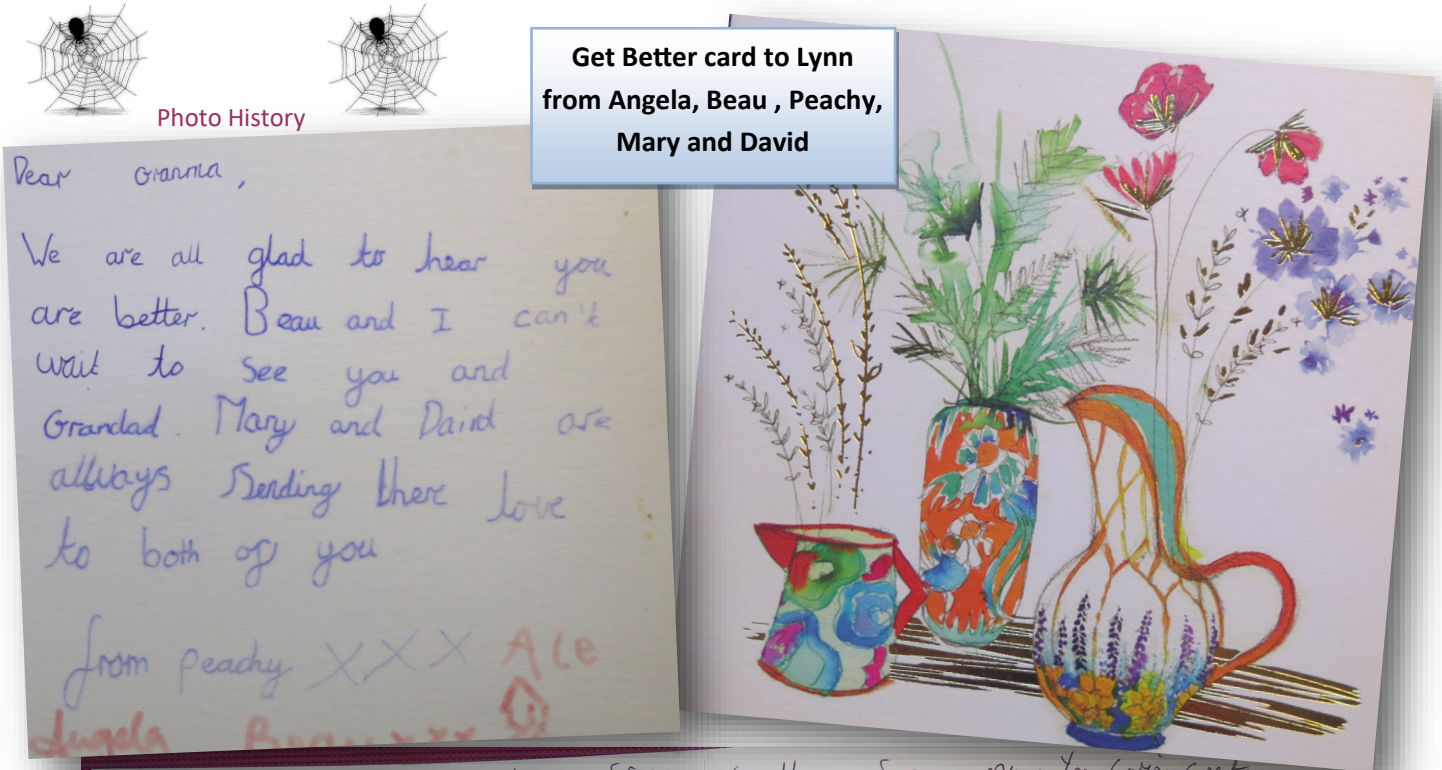
Birthday card from The Hurs to Lynn

MY (VERY) 'SPECIAL WIFE'

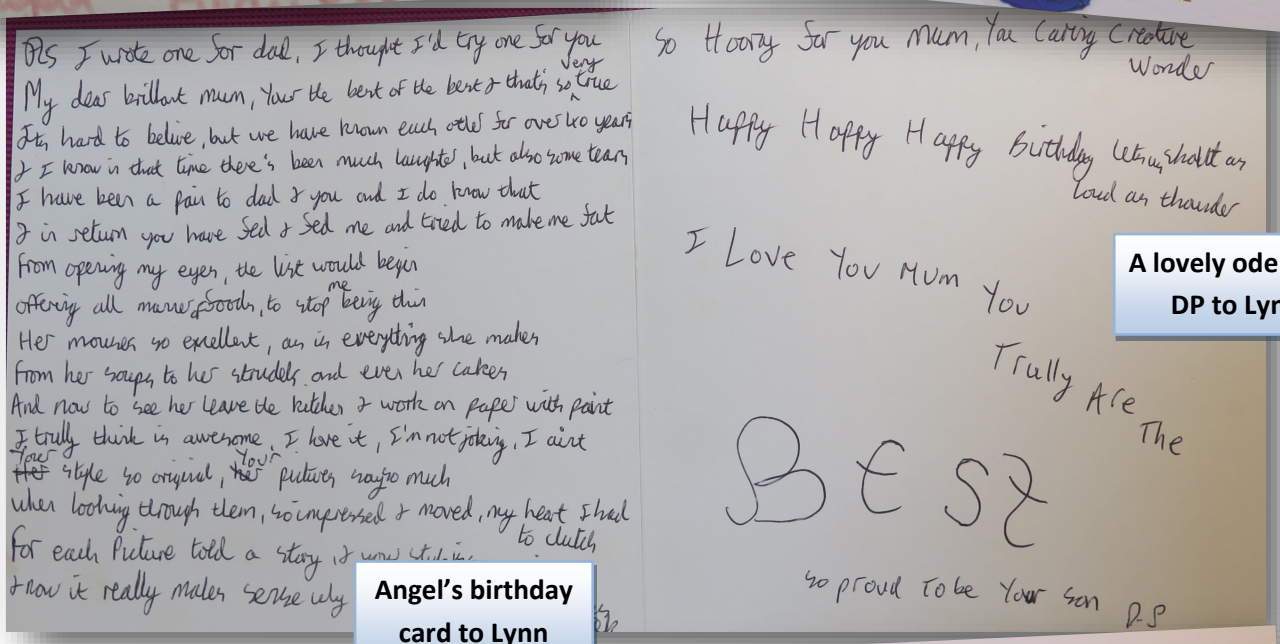
With my very ***special wife***
I've been together all my life
But as we age and mellow together
Life's unpredictable just like the weather
That's what makes it so very special
What ever comes up, with that we'll wrestle
And I think I can justly boast
She's the biggest fan of my soggy French toast
While I struggle to the gym and my swim for fun
She's in the park on her daily run
The girl who's famed for her hospitality
I'm proud to call her the 'Senior Kley'
She's one in a million she my special bird
And always calm tempered...or so I've heard.
But if that Sainsbury's has run out of ham
I dread to be that manager man
Who quietly says " I see" to Lynn
Just before she pulls the pin
And the grenade explodes, the manager does escape
From the full force of Lynn when she's irate.
But the other side of her is the truth
She's demure and thoughtful and never uncouth
And I am the luckiest guy alive
To have this bird as my ***'special wife'***

My ode to Lynn

Get Better card to Lynn from Angela, Beau , Peachy, Mary and David


Dear Granma,
We are all glad to hear you are better. Beau and I can't wait to see you and Grandad. Mary and Daird are allways Sending there love to both of you
from peachy XXX Ale
Angela Beau xxx

A lovely ode from DP to Lynn


PS I wrote one for dad, I thought I'd try one for you
My dear brilliant mum, You the best of the best & that's so true
It's hard to belive, but we have known each other for over two years
& I know in that time there's been much laughter, but also some tears
I have been a pain to dad & you and I do know that
& in return you have fed & fed me and tried to make me fat
From opening my eyes, the list would begin
offering all manner of foods, to stop me being thin
Her mousses so excellent, as is everything she makes
From her soups, to her strudels and even her cakes
And now to see her leave the kitchen & work on paper with paint
I truly think is awesome, I love it, I'm not joking, I aint
Her style so original, her pictures says so much
when looking through them, so impressed & moved, my heart I had to clutch
For each Picture told a story, & now it really makes sense why
So Hooray for you Mum, You Caring Creative Wonder
Huffy Hoffy Happy Birthday Let us shout as loud as thunder
I Love You Mum You
Truly Are The
BEST
so proud to be Your Son D.S

Angel's birthday card to Lynn

With so much love from us,
Angela xx
we love you Grandma wishing you all the happyness and wellness in the world!!
Sooo much love
Beau
Dear Lynn,
Wishing you the most fabulous year ahead, full of fun, friends, family and adventures.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A 'coriander' birthday greeting from Tammy to me

extremely Short Poem

Alert

my dad is Special and he loves
his hegue grown veg
and So[illegible] is my little pledge
a holiday trip So well deserved
ancient customs Still being observed
So as you browSe and Slowly
meander
dont forget the

have a great
birthday

Dad, you're the greatest,
'cause no matter what we do
It's always lots and lots of fun
just to be with you!

Happy Birthday

and Many Happy Returns

Much love Mum, try looking after yourself for this year - instead of everyone else - OK!! Thanks for a year of Scrumpy nosh-ups. All my fondest love Mum - Happy birthday. - Mick.

Thank you for always being so wonderful and thank you for everything. Please always be happy. We love you so very much, and always will. Never forget that

Lynn.

Birthday card from Lynn and me to Mum in 1966

A birthday ode from me to my lovely Lynn

Ode To JTK# Feb 2013

Hard to believe the age we are
Back to walking – goodbye old car
Will shouts be heard …bye bye sailor
As we're both winched up onto the trailer

The day our old Volvo 'died' and was take for scrap!

Or will we depart on Peruvian trails.
Eating bugs or Inca snails
Pissed out of our minds on Peruvian beer
Saying to ourselves "why are we here?"

I'm not sure darling..but don't make a fuss
Keep on talking…it'll come to us
As I do my photos and you can draw
You can snooze and I can snore

Some spout facts and proudly glow
Whilst you've forgotten more than they'll ever know.
With your musical knowledge and mine of useless facts
Make others wait in awe so they can't relax

And some have 'botox' and silicon tits
But you're all you with real bits
The you I love the real thing
It's you whose praises I'll always sing

Great in the kitchen and the other place
With a sense of humour that a comedian wouldn't disgrace
We the greatest together and really show'em
Even her hubby can write a poem….

Ode to the best bird in the world...

The only light in an online farce
With call centre staff sitting on their arse
"We know you're waiting" is the continued refrain
Totally dehumanised – it's a constant pain
Yes you're right I'm a grumpy old man
And I drive through London in a real white van
And the only light in an online farce
Is seeing my bird with the SASS in her glass

No one in charge they all sit on the fence
Why oh why are they all so dense
Yes my sweet they need us there
To eliminate disasters and make problems rar
Why oh why are they all so dense
If only they used some basic common sense

I am so sorry but it isn't hard
Stop this moaning Ralph ..and finish the card
And darling at least together we'll right the world
And above the call centres the flags unfurled
With a large printed sign to give all great cheer
No more excuses ...Lynn and Ralph are here

So today's so special with your meal in this joint
So forget these moans and I'll get to the point
The meal's prepared for you so don't be late
Corney but fun ..like our very first date.
And it's hard to grasp with all the laughs and tears
That the time is nigh to toast 50 years

As the red mist descends as heavy as fog
And we scrap together like cat and dog
And as peace creeps in and our differences it does cover
We suddenly remember that we love one another
And rain clouds are cleared and replaced by the sun
As we smile at one another and remember the fun

Because 50 years is a lifetime together
And some storms and some traumas we have had to weather
But we are soul-mates and I'll say it again
I really love you now as much as I did then

In the train of life
You're the smoke in my funnel
You're the light of my life
At the end of the tunnel

Words can not express adequately how I feel about you
And I know this is a turning point and the beginning of a relaxed centred time when we can say...sodemall we're going away..Ukem

Never know where the 'f' should go

Xxxxxx

Yet another ode from me to Lynn